



ATISN 14670

18 December 2020

Dear ,

ATISN 14670 – Welsh General Practitioners Committee

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 15 December. You asked for:

All information regarding meetings between the Welsh General Practitioners Committee (GPCW) and the Welsh Government over a period of the last 24 months as of the date of this request. This should include but not be limited to meeting agendas, minutes, and papers circulated.

In order to provide you with the information that you have requested we would be required to conduct a number of searches to identify which contain the information you are seeking.

From my assessment, I estimate that it will cost more than the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to answer your request. As such, your request should be refused, as dealing with it would exceed the 'appropriate limit' set out under Section 12 of the Act. The 'appropriate limit' is set out in the Freedom of Information & Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations and, for central government, that's £600 or 24 hours. This means if we estimate it would take over 24 hours to determine whether we hold the information and to thereafter locate, retrieve and extract it then we can refuse the request.

Welsh Government meet regularly with the General Practitioners Committee Wales (GPCW) to discuss a number of wide ranging issues and are active participants as part of wider groups across Welsh Government. Also, GPCW meet regularly with the Minister for Health and Social Services, Andrew Goodall in his capacity as Director General for Health and Social Services/ NHS Wales Chief Executive and policy officials across Welsh Government's Health Department.

In order to provide you with the information that you have requested would require searches of our electronic filing system for their attendance at various meetings. An initial search has retrieved over 5,000 documents when using the key words 'General Practitioners Committee Wales'. Consequently, after considering the regulations and applying the timescales for review, I have decided not to provide you with the information you have requested.

You may wish to refine your request by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain and which meeting you are particularly interested in. If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new request.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ
or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely,